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## Female student attacked on bike path, suspect not yet found

KENDRA MARTIN  
Alestle Reporter

At approximately 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18, a female victim reported to being battered on the bike path between the Science Building and the Student Fitness Center. The female victim was able to defend herself and fight back against the suspect. Schmolli said the situation happened very quickly, and she was able to get away, but the suspect has not yet been caught.

SIUE Police Chief Kevin Schmolli, who is active in this case, said the victim was simply leaving Lovejoy Library when the incident occurred.

"The young lady left the library around 8 p.m., and she was taking the long way to her vehicle," Schmolli said. "Her vehicle was in Lot 9, and she proceeded past the fitness center where there is a bridge under construction. She heard footsteps, and someone pushed her down. She was able to kick the male attacker in the groin and then ran away."

Schmolli said the victim was not able to identify the suspect or tell if he was a student of the university, but was able to give authorities a detailed description.

"The only description we have of the suspect is what we got from the victim," Schmolli said. "The suspect is approximately age 20 to 21, and he was wearing dark sweats."

The suspect is also said to be six feet tall, dark skinned and was wearing an earring in his right ear.

Schmolli said the suspect has not yet been caught, but they are looking to continue following this case.

"If we can find out who did it, we would want to pursue charges," Schmolli said. "But at this moment, the victim is OK. We contacted her yesterday for some follow-up questions."

With incidents like these occurring on college campuses, Schmolli said he urges students to download the Rave Guardian application to help protect themselves.

"One thing I would want to stress in the safety bulletin we gave out to students is to please download the Rave Guardian app," Schmolli said. "I want to push that because it is free to students, faculty and staff, and they can select a guardian from the police department, and if something were to happen, they can alert their guardian and their guardian can follow them. The app also has a 911 feature, and they can text in the information of their situation."

Schmolli said incidents like these have not occurred at SIUE in a while, nor are they common.

"We understand she was targeted for no reason," Schmolli said. "A situation like this has not happened for a long time. The last incident was either a year and half or two years ago, so incidents like these do not usually happen often on our campus."

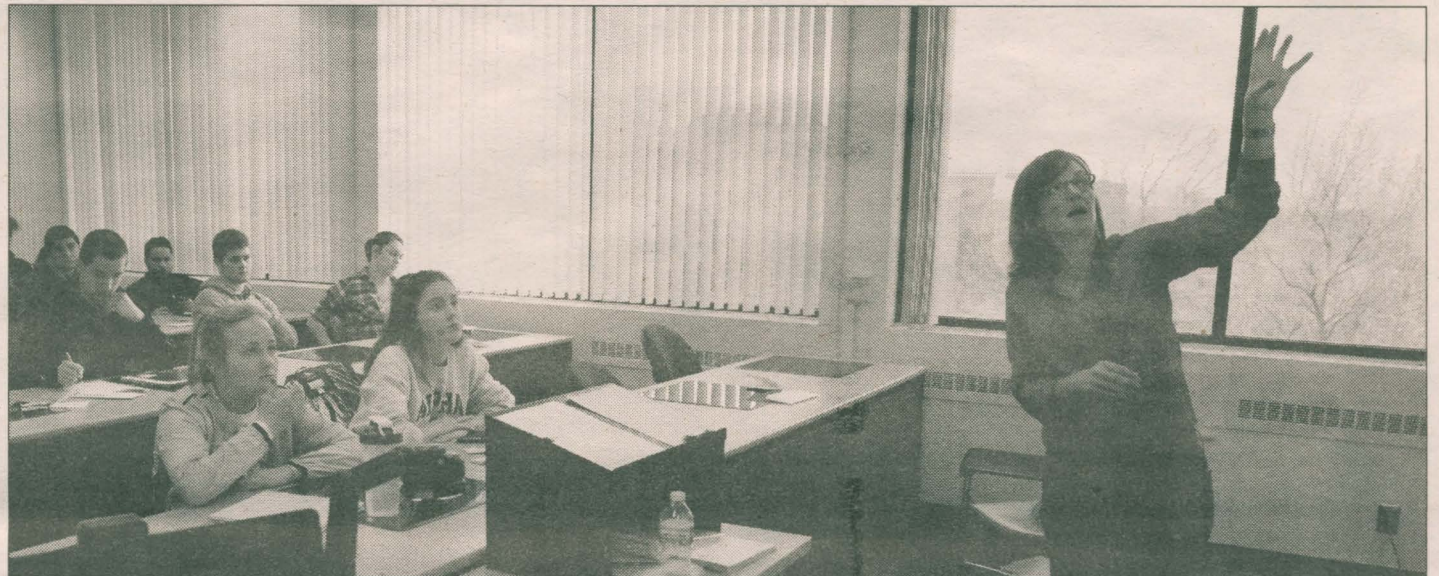
Schmolli said he is unaware of the motives surrounding the attack.

"At this time, we do not [have a motive]," Schmolli said. "He didn't take anything from her, and there were no sexual advances as well as no robberies. Since the suspect was able to get away, we do not know their intentions."

Schmolli said SIUE Police Department is heavily looking into the situation to find the suspect.

"We are actively investigating the situation," Schmolli said. "We are working with the victim and looking at the video footage from campus and the buildings around the incident. We are reviewing the footage during that time to see if we can get suspect information. We also sent out the information to other police departments to see if incidents like these have happened in their community and for them to send any information to us."

Read more at [alestlelive.com](http://alestlelive.com).



Math instructor Katie Stuart lectures during her quantitative reasoning class during a class project Tuesday, Feb. 23 in Founders Hall.

| Christian K. Lee/Alestle

## SIUE faculty member Katie Stuart to run for a state representative position

KENDRA MARTIN  
Alestle Reporter

With universities facing budget cuts and employees in various fields facing layoffs despite their experience, one SIUE teacher is taking matters into her own hands by launching her campaign to be elected for state representative to help change the quality of how issues are addressed in Illinois.

An instructor in the math department, Katie Stuart said her main reason for wanting to run for a state representative position was because she is uneasy about the issues with the state of Illinois.

gan Owens, of Springfield, Ill., a former student of Stuart's, said she was one of the professors who has had an impact on her and felt close to her beyond the classroom.

"She was definitely a favorite professor of mine," Owens said. "She would go out of her way to get to know her students, so she stood out from other professors to me. Before class, she would have small talk with everyone, so we actually got to know each other as a class."

Owens said she feels Stuart can do a great job as a state representative and thinks Stuart actually wants to try and make things better for the state.

she hopes that if Stuart were to win, she would be able to make some improvements in that area.

"I hope that she could be able to solve the budget crisis," Owens said. "There is not a lot of money around, so I think she could help get funding for schools since she has an educational background."

Sophomore exercise science major Chloe Morris, of Edwardsville, a current student of Stuart's, said Stuart is a very friendly person who actually tries to get to know her students and make positive relationships with them.

"She's one of my professors now, and I think she is a good person," Morris said. "She is very fair, elaborate and open. I feel very comfortable with her as my instructor, and I feel I can go to her for a lot of things."

Morris said she could see Stuart doing great things for Illinois if she were elected for the position.

"I feel she would be a great candidate for that," Morris said. "I lived in the same town she lived in, and my younger brother knew her son and had great respect for her and her family. She is always involved in the community, and I feel she could really do great things fixing things that are wrong in the state."

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**"With the budget situation in the state of Illinois, it's impacting the schools and universities and I just want to be able to help that situation."**

Katie Stuart  
Math instructor

"I'm concerned with the way things are running," Stuart said. "With the budget situation in the state of Illinois, it's impacting the schools and universities, and I just want to be able to help that situation."

Stuart said she wants to be able to represent the concerns of the people in a positive way. She is especially passionate about representing students and their concerns regarding their education since she has an education background.

"It is hard to pinpoint," Stuart said. "I would say I would like to truly represent the people. I feel that because I am a mother, I have a unique perspective since I work with students. I see their concerns, and I want to address their concerns."

Already meeting with people regarding her campaign, Stuart said she wants to be able to address several concerns.

"During my campaign, I want to reach out to as many people as possible," Stuart said. "I already started going door to door introducing myself to people and hearing their concerns with the state."

If Stuart were to be elected for the position, she said she would have to make the tough decision of stepping down from her position as an instructor at SIUE and devote herself full time to being a state representative.

"I would step down from SIUE and be state representative fulltime," Stuart said. "I already put a leave of absence in for next fall so that I can actually spend more time working on my campaign."

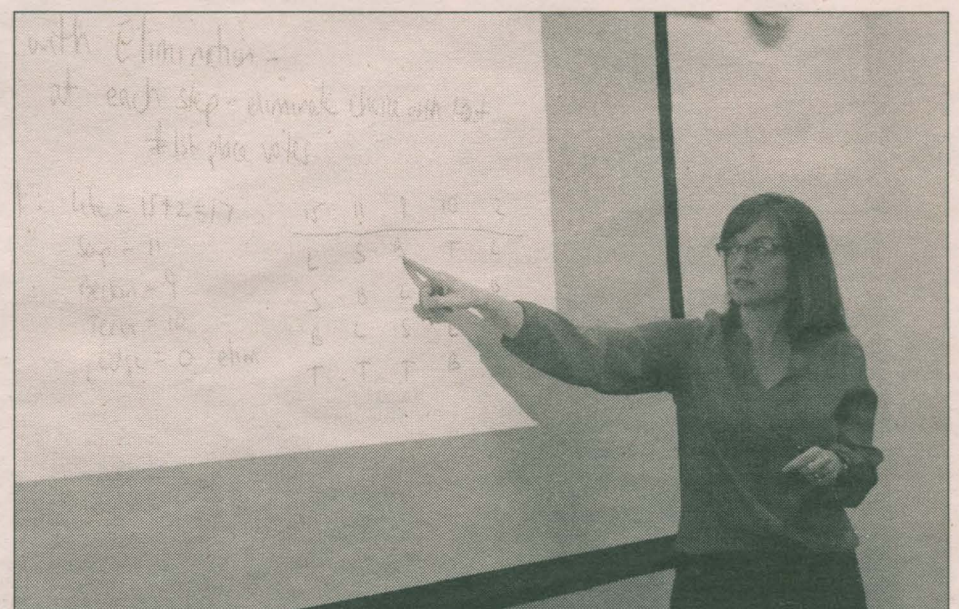
Freshman pre-pharmacy major Me-

"I think it is awesome," Owens said. "She seems to have good intentions and [is] not [out] to be a corrupt politician."

Owens said she would vote for Stuart in the election because of her sincerity and the fact that she actually wants to make things better.

"I think she would do a great job," Owens said. "She has honest intentions to improve the state of Illinois. I would vote for her."

With the budget situation being a major factor affecting the state, Owens said



"... I would like to truly represent the people. I feel that because I am a mother, I have a unique perspective since I work with students. ..." Stuart said. | Christian K. Lee/Alestle



## Asked to resign, Collinsville councilwoman said she has no intention of leaving

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Bellville News Democrat (MCT)

Collinsville City Councilwoman Cheryl Brombolich has "absolutely no intention" of leaving her elected position with the City Council.

Two of her fellow council members, Jeff Kypta and Nancy Moss, called for her resignation on Monday night. This followed the city's release of documents to the News-Democrat showing that Brombolich tried to hide her personal use of a tax-free city account when she held the dual role of city clerk and director of operations in 2014. Brombolich later resigned from that position and successfully ran for City Council in the April 2015 election.

Brombolich did not respond to a request for comment sent via email on Tuesday morning. However, on Feb. 12, she responded to questions previously submitted by the BND, including whether she had plans to leave the City Council.

"I am a life-long resident of the City of Collinsville. It is my home. I love this City, and have worked hard to make this a better place to live," Brombolich wrote. "I have absolutely no intention of leaving the City Council or ever backing away from looking out

for the best interest of the residents of Collinsville and demanding that all of us, including myself, be treated fairly."

The documents released by the city about Brombolich were compiled by her boss at the time, former City Manager Scott Williams, in an investigative file regarding Brombolich's personal use of city credit cards and accounts going back to 2004. The documents were released after the city fought for eight months not to provide them. The BND filed suit and Madison County Associate Judge Don Flack ruled they were public records.

The documents showed Brombolich routinely used city credit cards and tax-free accounts for personal purchases during her tenure as a city employee, a practice Brombolich says was widespread at City Hall.

In some cases, Brombolich reported her personal purchases to the city; in others, the city discovered them months, and even years, later. Brombolich repaid all the money, according to city officials.

In a written statement to the BND, Brombolich said Williams assembled the documents to discredit her after he "forced" her to resign as city clerk.

The documents included text messages between Brombolich and Collinsville Finance Director Tamara Ammann in which Brombolich begged Ammann not to tell Williams that she once again had charged a personal purchase to a tax-free city account, claiming it was just a mistake.

"Just let me take care of it and act like u never saw it," Brombolich wrote on Sept. 11, 2014, in a string of text messages to Ammann, her friend and colleague.

Brombolich says she did not ask Ammann to hide her latest personal charge from her boss.

"... I was pleading with her to let me be the one to tell him about a mistake others had made that I was being forced to pay for," Brombolich wrote in her statement. The documents show Brombolich sent 43 pleading text messages before mentioning for the first time that she wanted to inform Williams of the charge herself.

She stated that she felt Williams was "looking for reasons to terminate me" because she had twice been critical of Williams' handling of some issues in the city.

Read more about Brombolich at [bnd.com](http://bnd.com).

## Bring your taxes — Student volunteers prepare and file taxes for free

CHLOE RICE

Alestle Reporter

For the last 15 years, accounting instructor Jim Dixon has allowed students to prepare the tax returns for students, staff and faculty free of charge.

According to Dixon, although the students are volunteers, they still have to take an Internal Revenue Service test.

"The students go through a month of training. They have a weekly class every Saturday, taught by me, and then they self study. Then they take the IRS test, a very technical, difficult test and pass it," Dixon said.

Dixon said the program they go through is Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, otherwise known as VITA, which is partnered with the the Kappa Lambda chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting fraternity.

"This opportunity is a part of the service project the accounting fraternity and accounting club has," Dixon said.

According to accounting and computer management systems graduate student Brian Severns, of O' Fallon, Ill., he has always been interested in taxes, so VITA is a good opportunity for him.

"The program is great practical training for younger students. For me, I have more experience, but it's still good education. In the program itself, it's a way to reach those who don't have time or older folks; there are situations that serve both end of the transaction," Severns said.

According to Dixon, this is a

good service project for the students because they have training and then are able to prepare free returns.

"They do the taxes, and then I review them, and then we e-file them. We are responsible for the product because we e-file it," Dixon said.

Volunteers will prepare 1040EZ and 1040A forms, but will not prepare 1040 forms or dual state income returns, according to Dixon.

"Generally we prepare and e-file taxes for students and people who work here at SIUE: employees, people who work on the maintenance staff and people who work in the restaurants [as well as] who live in the community. Last year we e-filed 57 federal returns and 60 states returns. Plus, we supplied forms and publications," Dixon said.

According to custodial retiree Joe Biro, of Bethalto, Ill. he was not apprehensive about the students doing his taxes.

"[The students] have been doing it ever since Jim [Dixon] started here. Jim teaches them pretty well, like it's a professional job," Biro said. "He checks all their work before they send it out."

According to Dixon, each person who would like their taxes done must bring a social security card, driver's license, a W-2 from, all relevant 1099's and a copy of their tax returns from the previous year.

"In a textbook problem, they will give [the student] everything

they need, but here they will come with a handful of junk, and it won't be what we need. The students will have to sort through it, and that is a part of the learning process. That's the real world," Dixon said.

Dixon said this opportunity gives the volunteering students a quality experience for their future careers.

"Preparing and filing taxes gives the accounting students real world experience in preparing tax returns. Any textbook problem is artificial, but here they develop communication skills because they have to explain the very complicated tax terms to people — to people who don't understand dependency or taxable income, people who simply don't understand and don't want to understand," Dixon said.

According to Biro, he has let Dixon and the qualified students do his taxes for free for 10 years and would recommend this service to anyone.

"I am always impressed with what Jim [Dixon] does. He is a very good teacher," Biro said.

The volunteers prepare taxes in the accounting department in Founder's Hall from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Their services are also offered on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. This offer extends from now until April 7, with the exception of March 7 through the 13 because of spring break.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

2-3-16

A student reported receiving two fictitious phone calls. Both callers stated they worked for the IRS. The first caller stated the student owed money on student loans and FAFSA. The student hung up on him. The second caller stated he was an FBI agent working on behalf of the IRS. This caller had personal information on the student and told her she must pay the IRS \$500 or a warrant would be put out for her arrest. After a few more questions, the student determined this to also be a fictitious call and hung up on him. The student did not release any information nor pay any money.

An officer issued a written warning for speeding 43 mph in a 25 mph speed zone. The offense occurred on Cougar Lake Drive. The officer also found a small amount of cannabis that the suspect had told him was in the car. The cannabis was destroyed at the scene, and no arrests were made.

2-4-16

An officer issued a state citation to Timisha D. Taylor for speeding 63 mph in a 45 mph speed zone. The offense occurred on South University Drive, north of Stadium Drive.

During a routine traffic stop for no taillights, DaQuan M. Greenwell was arrested for driving with a revoked license. Greenwell was transported to the police department where he was processed per departmental policy. Greenwell was released with a notice to appear. An officer also issued a written warning for no taillights on South University Drive at University Park Drive.

2-5-16

An officer met with a faculty member in Alumni Hall who reported having excessive charges placed on her phone PIN.

An officer issued a state citation to Stacie L. Johnson for speeding 65 mph in a 45 mph speed zone. The offense occurred at South University Drive at Stadium Drive.

An officer issued a state citation to Gregory Williams for expired registration. A written warning was also issued for disobeying a traffic control device on Lewis Road at North University Drive.

2-7-16

An officer issued a state citation to Andrew Hill for disobeying the stop sign on South Circle Drive at Evergreen Hall.

2-8-16

An officer responded to Bluff Hall in reference to a person who was trespassing. The subject was gone upon the officer's arrival.

An officer issued a state citation to Isaiah Malin for expired registration on South Circle Drive. A written warning for disobeying a stop sign was also issued.

2-9-16

Officer took a report of the cash office receiving counterfeit money.

2-10-16

An officer issued a state citation to Zachary J. Uktes for driving an uninsured motor vehicle. A written warning was issued for speeding 38 mph in a 25 mph speed zone. The offense occurred at South University Drive at P2 Road.

An officer issued a state citation to Tiffany D. Minx for speeding 46 mph in a 25 mph speed zone. The offense occurred at South University Drive at P2 Road.

An officer assisted a motorist at South University Drive near Stadium Drive. Chelsey K. Morris was arrested for unlawful possession of cannabis and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Morris was transported to the police department where she was processed and released with a notice to appear. Morris was also issued a state citation issued for illegal transportation of alcohol. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

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Freshman pre-pharmacy major Josh Jones, of Chicago, and sophomore Campus Kitchen volunteer Louisa Williams prepare meals for local youth in the SIUE Campus Kitchen. As a part of their weekly duties, volunteers recycle food, prepare and deliver meals, and provide nutritional education to members of surrounding communities. | Lashai Spencer / Alestle

## Raising the Dough

Campus Kitchen raises money for hunger relief

JESSICA ORANIKA  
Alestle Reporter

Campus Kitchen is an organization that is tackling hunger in a unique way. Not only does it provide hot meals and afternoon snacks at multiple centers throughout the Metro East, it also has a goal to reduce food waste. The members accomplish these goals by feeding hungry people in the community fresh, nutritional meals with food that would have otherwise been thrown away.

Graduate Assistant of the Kimmel Student Involvement Center Allison Menchak, who oversees activities in the Campus Kitchen, describes it as a student-run organization.

"Campus Kitchen is a student organized group that started at SIUE two years ago. We assist with hunger relief and food waste by taking donations from SIUE campus dining, the Gardens here on campus and a few community businesses," Menchak said. "We use the donations that we get to prepare meals and after school snacks to a few different places in our community."

Campus Kitchens countrywide have begun a "Raise the Dough" challenge — a competition to see which one can raise the most money for their university's kitchen. SIUE will be up against 22 Campus Kitchens across the nation as they take to social media in attempts to raise money for the organization.

"Raise The Dough" was initiated by Campus Kitchen's headquarters in D.C. It requires all of the Campus Kitchens to have a social media push to raise money. If we are one of the campus kitchens that raises the most money, we can be awarded some type of prize," Menchak said.

Donations can be made through SIUE Campus Kitchen's Razoo account. According to Menchak, last year's "Raise the Dough" competition helped Campus Kitchen raise about a thousand dollars. They are hoping to increase proceeds this time around.

According to Menchak, Campus Kitchen is prominent on campuses throughout the country. Before SIUE began its own in 2014, the nearest one was at Saint Louis University for about 15 years. When SIUE's Campus Kitchen first opened, it only provided food at one place. Now, it is beginning to expand its reach.

"Campus Kitchen started with just the Sunshine Cultural Arts Center [in East St. Louis]. We were only serving about 30 students. This spring we [began to] serve about 75 to 80 clients at [Community Care Center] in Granite City," Menchak said. "We added a new site, and we now serve roughly 90 to 100 clients per week."

Menchak said one of the most important aspects to her is that these hungry people are being fed with food that would have probably been thrown away anyway. This benefits our community in multiple ways.

"I think we've had a huge impact. Aside from helping people in the community know they will have hot meals, we've also had a huge impact on food waste. A lot of the food that [is] donated would have been thrown out," Menchak said.

Senior chemistry major and Campus Kitchen Student Leader Stephanie Bargiel, of Granite City, said these businesses typically throw food away before its expiration date if they have to make room for new food.

"The food is not bad by any means; It's not spoiled or rotten," Bargiel said. "There just isn't enough room for it. Business might have to make space for the next shipment, so they will literally throw away perfectly good frozen items, ready to eat items and things like that."

Prior to volunteering at Campus Kitchen, Bargiel has always been involved with hunger relief. She said everyone should try to help out the community, and Campus Kitchen is her way of doing so.

"Before Campus Kitchen, I was president of the Alliance of Students Against Poverty. I worked pretty closely with a lot of people who are impoverished and realized that we have a lot of students that can help out," Bargiel said.

One student who decided to do so is freshman pre-pharmacy major Joshua Jones, of Chicago. He said he heard about the volunteer opportunity through AmeriCorps — a civil society program with a focus on community service work. He said he decided to help out because he enjoys cooking.

"It makes me feel positive because I'm actually helping out, doing good deeds and giving back. It's great to perform a duty with other people who are interested in the same mission," Jones said.

Other students who would like to volunteer or help out can head to SIUE Campus Kitchens online volunteer hub to sign up. Volunteers can help cook, prepare food or even make deliveries.

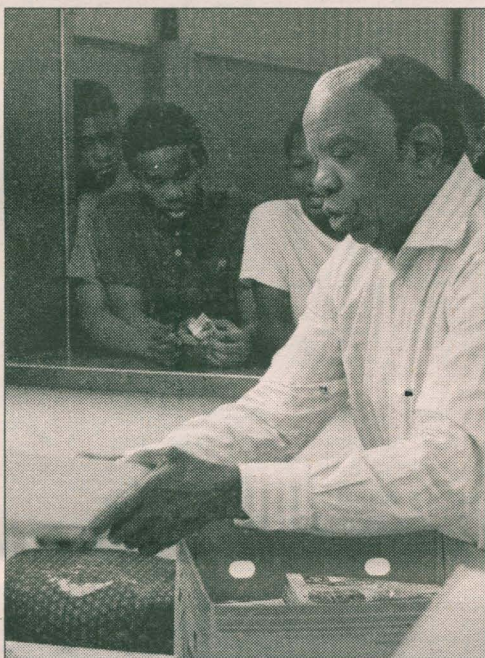
"According to the World Health Organization, one in five children are impacted by hunger. That is a statistic that is very important to me so we are trying the best that we can to give back to the community and make sure that the students on this campus are aware of these issues," Menchak said.

Bargiel encourages students to visit and get involved with Campus Kitchen in the Vadalabene Center.

"It is a great volunteer activity that happens weekly in the VC. It's especially important for student to engage in the community with their own two hands. We have a lot more time than we realize to roll up our sleeves and work with our community," Bargiel said. "It's a beautiful part of humanity."

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Sylvester "Mr. Sunshine" Lee, executive director of the Community Performance Ensemble at the Sunshine Cultural Arts Center, fills snack requests made by the youth who attended the open gym, Wednesday, Feb. 17. The Sunshine Cultural Arts Center in East St. Louis aims to provide a space for youth in the community to freely express themselves. | Lashai Spencer / Alestle



After arriving at Sunshine Cultural Arts Center in East St. Louis, sophomore social work major Samantha Rowe, of Stockton, works to unload and organize goods gathered by SIUE's Campus Kitchen. Campus Kitchen collects items from grocery stores, restaurants and cafeterias to repurpose them into the meals and snack for delivery. | Lashai Spencer / Alestle



# University hair salon cuts out hassle, time for clients

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Alestle Reporter

Tucked away on the bottom floor of the Morris University Center is a service most students at SIUE are unfamiliar with: University Hair.

Hairdresser Cindy Knebel said the salon has been on campus since the school first opened.

"It started as a four-chair barber shop in the early '70s, and it had to evolve so we could service both women and men," Knebel said. "Over the years, this place has evolved just as the whole campus has, and we have all sorts of different people working here and all different kinds of clients."

Knebel has been working at the salon for the past 30 years, and said she feels a strong unity between the community and the salon.

"Today, I do professors' hair on campus who came here as students, and I even have students come back to me after they graduate," Knebel said. "When you do see clients [who] aren't students here, and when you have that many people coming back after such a long time, it makes you feel like you're doing something right."

Knebel said she first got into the business because she was fascinated by watching people do hair.

"I always wanted to be a hairstylist and didn't have money for college, so I signed up for cosmetology school," Knebel said. "Wanting to do hair is just something that is inside of you, so I had to pursue it."

According to Knebel, the experience students get when they go to the salon is something they would get at home with the hairdresser they have known their whole life.

"We may run behind, but it is because we care about the person sitting in the chair and want them to have to best experience possible at our salon," Knebel said.

Taking hair that is one way and making it into something completely different within two hours, Knebel said, is her favorite part of the job.

Knebel is known around the salon as the "color queen," and said she loves experimenting with different styles and colors.

"I think the best thing is taking any type of hair and changing it into something else," Knebel said. "The craziest hair style I've ever done is shaved out sides with a mohawk on a woman and dyed it Rihanna red. I had to study that color for a week, but it turned out great."

Knebel said education is one of the most important parts of being a great hairdresser because part of the job is to keep learning.

"We go to a lot of hair shows to learn the latest trends," Knebel said. "I just recently went to Orlando and Chicago, and the best thing is when you go and what they are teaching, you already do."

According to Knebel, the stylists at the salon try every new hair trend that emerges, and if there is something you want done to your hair and they do not know how to do it, they will learn it.

Graduate student Valerie Sieth is a licensed cosmetologist from the Tricoci University of Beauty Culture in Chicago and said she cannot emphasize enough that the salon is open to all hair types and styles.

The salon offers many different services such as cuts, waxing, color, highlights, eyelash extensions, perms and even hairstyles for special occasions.

Sieth said the prices are always competitive with other salons in the area.

"Our eyebrow waxes are only \$7, and you can't find that deal anywhere in town," Sieth said. "We are also saving students the hassle of going off campus, and we are really thinking



University Hair, located on the lower level of the Morris University Center, offers haircuts, color, styling and eyebrow waxing to students, faculty and staff. | Brian Muñoz / Alestle

about the needs of students that are in price range."

According to Sieth, her forte is doing a combination of shampooing, blow drying, straightening and curling hair.

"I consider this my specialty, because when I was doing hair in Chicago I started off at a blow dry bar where I was trained to do blowouts all day long," Sieth said.

Sieth offered up her personal advice for all hair types.

"For curly hair or extremely curly hair, try to choose between a perm or color, but do not do both — that way you maintain the health of your hair," Sieth said. "For fine hair, you will get more volume if you wear your hair a little bit shorter, because the hair won't be as weighed down. As for men's styles, I always

tell them not to be afraid to try something different."

Although only three people work at the salon, Sieth said all of them are flexible with their schedules.

"If someone comes in and we are here and available, we will help them," Sieth said. "I've been here until 10 p.m. before, because we want to make sure all of our clients get taken care of."

Sieth said making people feel good about the way they look is what she enjoys most about being a hairstylist.

"I enjoy working with people, and I love doing hair," Sieth said. "I always say the client is the designer, and I am just making [his or her] vision become a reality."

Sieth said the salon is

a place where students will be taken care of no matter what their request.

"The salon is convenient, with a really good atmosphere. I think it benefits all students, but especially the international student community because coming from another country and living in a brand new place is hard," Sieth said. "Students rely on resources from the university; we are here for that purpose."

Senior mechanical engineering major Kamyin Chan, of Hong Kong, said he started going to the salon because he was referred there by a friend.

"I have gotten my hair cut twice at the salon, and I am pleased with the way my hair turns out every time," Chan said.

Chan said the environment is very comfortable, and the people are very

nice, which is why he continues to go back.

"What I want from salon is simple, but they do a lot of different types of hair style, and I would recommend it to any student," Chan said.

According to Chan, the salon is very convenient for students because of its location and accessibility, and he plans on going back in the future.

The salon is open six days a week 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is closes early at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and is closed on Sundays.

It is preferred to call ahead, but walk-ins are also accepted. You can speak to a stylist or make an appointment by calling (618)-650-2299.

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Hairdresser Terry Knebel, of Pierron, gives Brian Crites, of Edwardsville, a fresh hair cut Friday, Feb. 12. Terry Knebel has been cutting men's hair for the past 43 years alongside his wife Cindy Knebel. | Brian Muñoz / Alestle



Stylist Valerie Sieth, of Chicago, assesses freshman criminal justice major Kyia Birris' hair Friday, Feb. 12. | Brian Muñoz / Alestle

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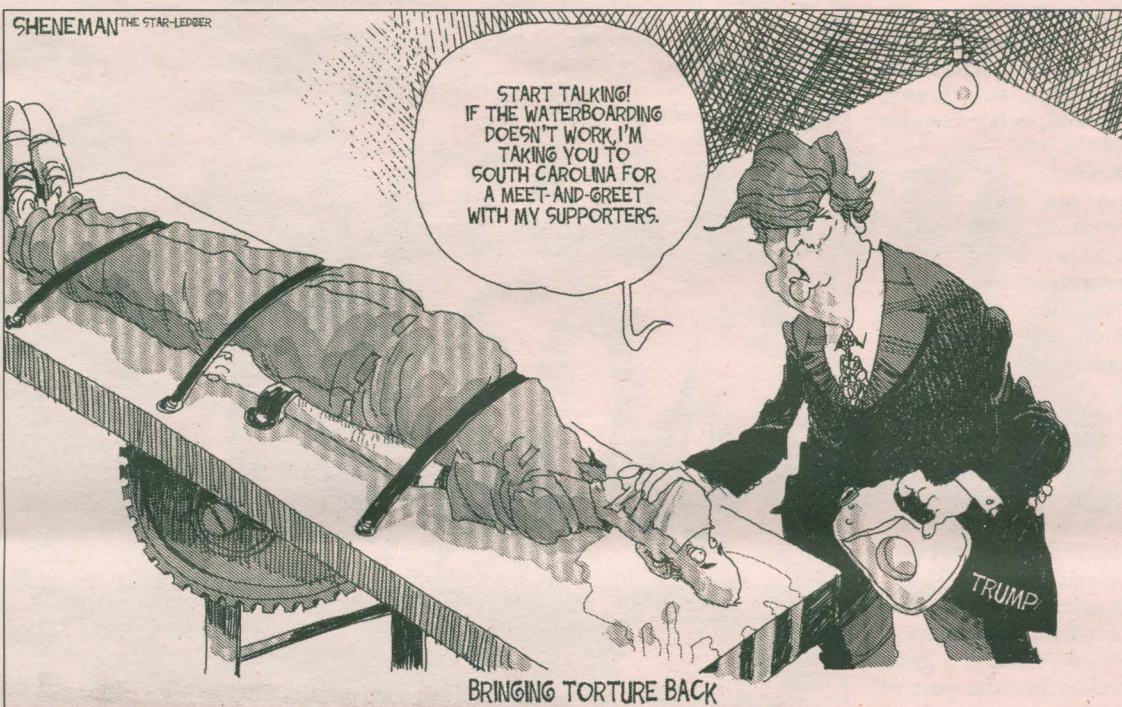
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## Debunking the myth: 'Brothel laws' do not exist, zoning regulations do

There's a common urban legend that sorority houses are not allowed on certain college campuses, including SIUE, because a certain number of unrelated women living in the same house constitutes a brothel — a ridiculous notion.

#### Alestle Staff Editorial

The idea behind these "brothel laws" is extremely sexist. These mythical laws specifically target women, not men. Unrelated men can live together, but the moment unrelated women try to do the same, minds immediately turn to prostitution.

In 1994, the Chicago Sun-Times' columnist Richard Roeper commented on these so called "brothel laws," calling them "the most widespread piece of university folklore making the rounds."

Snopes.com even states that colleges have been using this urban legend to explain the lack of sorority housing for years and

that "the belief that a 'brothel law' bars live-in sororities from campuses is so deeply worked into the fabric of collegiate life that few now think to question it."

While there are no existing brothel laws in Madison County, there are zoning laws and ordinances in place in some municipalities.

According to mentalfloss.com, a media brand that explores science, pop culture, tech, and history, these laws and ordinances are there to "keep groups of possibly rowdy young people from overrunning quiet, mostly family-occupied neighborhoods and to prevent "student housing from overrunning family housing and driving down property values in neighborhoods."

In Madison County, the zoning ordinances handbook states that living quarters such as fraternity and sorority houses, or dormitories in limited, general, highway and wholesale business districts, as well as manufacturing

districts, are not allowed because these zones are intended for businesses. This is an understandable restriction.

However, the zoning ordinances handbook states that "colleges and universities, including dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and other accessory buildings and structures" are permitted in agricultural districts under the "special uses" category.

"There are anti-brothel laws in some places in America, but houses of prostitution earn that designation by having prostitution inside of them, not by having a certain number of residents with lady parts," writes mentalfloss.com.

It is ridiculous that sororities are compared to brothels. These institutions are two completely different things, and to even assume that there is illegal sex going on in a house with unrelated women living under the same roof is sexist and only encourages society to view women as sex ob-

jects instead of the human beings that they are.

With that being said, it's time that we, as college students, debunk the myth of these sexist, antiquated rumors. Believing and spreading this urban legend can only harm our country and keeps us on a path of double standards and sexist thinking.

As for the zoning ordinances, if there is a lot of disagreement, a petition can be made and presented to the city council in your town or city to protest and possibly amend zoning ordinances.

Or, it's possible to find land approved for sorority housing and build or buy housing on the land specifically set aside for that use.

Don't believe everything you hear, and do your research before you spread rumors. Abide by the zoning regulations and stop spreading the myth to future generations.

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## Equality movements are beneficial, not racist

"They're racist! How could they do that at a time like this? These events are meant to bring people together!"

**Kendra Martin**  
Alestle Reporter

Phrases like these were the among the many points people have spewed regarding Kendrick Lamar's Grammy performance and Beyoncé's Super Bowl performance. Both have been under fire for showcasing a sense of black pride on major stages, and both seem to have ruffled some feathers with many saying their performances are racist. Even though this is what many have said about these two artists, it is far from the truth.

This is not the first time Lamar has caught criticism for his quote on quote, "black" performance. Just last year, when Lamar performed his song "Alright" at the BET Awards on top of a police car, Fox News correspondent Geraldo Rivera said, "This is why I say that hip-hop has done more damage to young African-Americans than racism in recent years."

Now, regarding those comments, it's almost as if Rivera was not actually paying attention to the overall message. "Alright" was probably one of the most uplifting songs of

2015, but he completely disregarded the lyrics of the song simply because of what he was seeing.

That is what America is doing again. It is not looking at the big picture.

Besides Lamar receiving heat for his performance, Beyoncé is getting a ton of hate. During her Super Bowl performance, Beyoncé and her dancers were dressed in outfits resembling and paying respect to the Black Panther Party. She also performed her song, "Formation," which has a lot of black empowerment connotation with the song and video.

People were confused and offended after Beyoncé, one of the biggest pop stars of the 21st century, tried to make a stand at the Super Bowl. They saw her as trying to separate people instead of bringing them together. That is far from the case.

Beyoncé used the Super Bowl stage to draw attention to the issue of police brutality, a scene where millions of people are watching and actually paying attention. That's not offensive — that's smart.

Many were upset because they did not like Beyoncé paying homage to the Black Panther Party because they felt like it was a terrorist group. Wrong. The Black Panther Party was not a terrorist group; they were a group

of individuals trying to fight against white supremacy. They were not going out looking for trouble and attacking people as they saw fit. They just had no problem defending themselves. That's not terrorism.

It's quite sad how people are reacting to this incident because it's almost as if people are finding out Beyoncé is black for the first time.

Recently, the Miami Fraternal Order of Police called a boycott to work Beyoncé's concert because of how cops are being depicted in her song, even though the Miami Community Police Benevolent Associate, which represents black officers, did not agree with the boycott. That is ridiculous.

It is not like Beyoncé is saying all cops are bad, but you cannot ignore police brutality. This isn't something that just sprung up two or three years ago.

This has been happening for decades, so it is silly how the police want to boycott her world tour because, obviously, they are missing the bigger picture of Beyoncé's performance and video, which is tragic.

Saturday Night Live did a sketch about Beyoncé's Super Bowl controversy, poking fun at people for the way they were reacting.

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The stands of the Vadalabene Center were packed with nearly 2,500 fans on Wednesday, Feb. 17 for the women's basketball team's final home game.

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## Cougars defeat Austin Peay in packed VC

### Road loss follows final home game, senior recognition

**KYLE STEPP**  
Alestle Reporter

With less than two weeks before the post-season, the women's basketball team played on both ends of the spectrum, storming out Austin Peay State University and later being handed a hard loss from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The Cougars toppled APSU 94-75 on Wednesday, Feb. 17 in a packed Vadalabene Center. The win improved the Cougars to 15-11 overall and 10-3 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Sophomore guard Sidney Smith tied an SIUE record with eight three-point shots against APSU, and said the Cougars used

the 2,369 fans, mostly made up of local elementary school students, for their offensive outpour.

"I loved having all those kids there — they definitely brought a lot of positive energy. We're not used to seeing that many fans at our games, and their energy definitely helped motivate us," Smith said.

Redshirt senior guard Shron-da Butts scored or assisted on over half the team's points, scoring 30 points of her own and adding to a team-high 10 assists.

Led by Smith's eight three-pointers, SIUE shot 72.2 percent (13-18) from behind the arc and 53.3 percent (32-60) overall.

Assistant Coach Lacey Shalenko said when Smith is hitting from three-point territory it opens up scoring opportunities for both Smith and the team.

"Smith extends the defense so far, going as far as eight feet behind the three-point line. It really stretches the defense out and allows our other guards to penetrate and to get some more post touches," Shalenko said.

Despite being outrebounded and outscored in the paint, the Cougars capitalized off the Governors' 17 turnovers, scoring 23 points.

Head Coach Paula Buscher said the Cougars collaborated with the ball well on the offensive end, and protected it well on the

defensive end.

"I'm proud that we had 20 assists and nine turnovers. When you have that ratio, you really know they're sharing the ball and finding the open player," Buscher said.

Playing the final home game of the season, the Cougars honored their four seniors. Butts, se-

nior guard CoCo Moore, senior guard Erin Kelley and redshirt senior center Raven Warford started the game with sophomore guard Donshel Beck. Buscher said the win gave the seniors a great parting present from the Vadalabene Center.

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Redshirt senior guard Shron-da Butts prepares for her next move at the Cougars' final home game Wednesday, Feb. 17.

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Redshirt senior guard Shron-da Butts contributed to more than half the Cougars' points during the Wednesday, Feb. 17 game.

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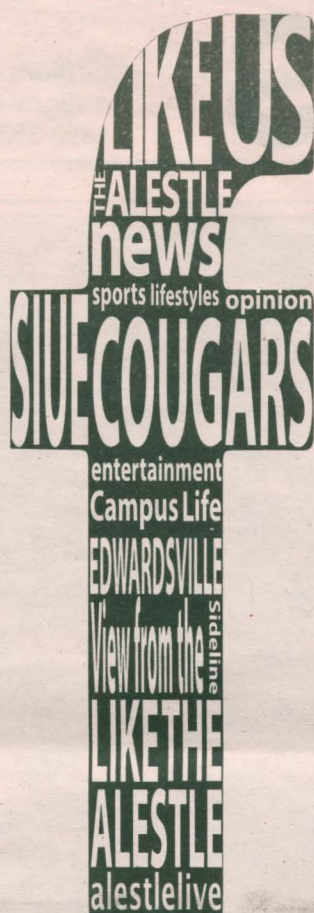
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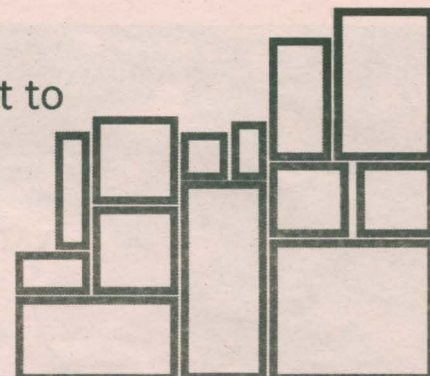
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